

RESOLUTION NO. 12-983

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Alta Ann Morrison is celebrating retirement after 43 years of outstanding professional service in education and 8 years on the Board of Education, totaling 51 years dedicated to the children and parents she holds so dear; and,

WHEREAS, Alta Morrison, a native of Russellville, Alabama, earned her B.S. in Home Economics from Auburn University where she was the first female to march in the Auburn University Marching Band, an activity of which she is proud. After teaching Home Economics five years at Talladega High School, she entered the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa to earn her M.A. and did her Post Graduate work at Athens University and The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa; and,

WHEREAS, during her career of forty-three years, Ms. Morrison served as teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, and principal. She came to Huntsville in 1962 as a science teacher at Joe Bradley, Jr., High School before it closed in 1967. She then moved to Stone Middle School and was there for thirty-eight years. She was Guidance Counselor for 15 years, appointed Assistant Principal for two years, and then Principal. She remained in that position until her retirement in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, it was after retiring from the Huntsville City School System that she embarked on a political career. Ms. Morrison ran for the District 5 seat in 2004 and won by thirty-eight votes unseating the incumbent, Laurie McCaulley. She was successful at the polls for her second term as well. After serving two terms on the School Board, Alta stated, "Two terms is what everybody should do. This business of staying on and on and on ... I just think we need some fresh ideas and some fresh faces;" and,

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Alta has been and is an active member in her church, First Baptist Church Huntsville. She has also been active in her community serving on the Board of Directors, Huntsville Teachers Credit Union; Board of Directors, Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center; Delta Kappa Gamma; Phi Delta Kappa; Board of Directors, Huntsville Theatre League; Huntsville Board of Directors, Huntsville Education Association, representing Administrators; a poll worker and various offices in the Huntsville Education Association; and,

WHEREAS, Alta has one sister, Wallacia Tamburo, and a host of extended family being the children who might have been forgotten if not for her tenacity as friend and mentor.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby acknowledge, salute, and express special appreciation for the remarkable career and impact Alta Ann Morrison has had on education in our Huntsville community. She has touched many lives and hearts, young and old. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.

ADOPTED on this the 15th day of November, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 15th day of November, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama